

Washington, DC – Today Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) issued the following statement in response to today's vote on the war funding measure:

"I am frustrated that President Bush continues to thwart our efforts to do what Americans and Iraqis want – an end to the crisis in Iraq. As was recently demonstrated on the House floor, an overwhelming majority of Democrats want a timeline for withdrawing our troops. Unfortunately today's legislation is not the vehicle for ending the Iraq war, but the number of Members calling for withdrawal is increasing and I will continue working to move forward legislation that holds the administration accountable and ends this nightmare."

Congressman Blumenauer is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Budget Committee and Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. He has actively opposed the war in Iraq from the beginning. In January he introduced the "New Direction for Iraq Act of 2007," a comprehensive piece of legislation calling for the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq, a new diplomatic offensive to stabilize Iraq, aggressive efforts at oversight and accountability, and a new approach towards reconstructing Iraq.